

AVENGERS • X-MEN

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MARVEL

SNOYTONS
REVOLUTIONS

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PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. ASCENDING INTO THE TERRIFYING FORM OF RED ONSLAUGHT, HE INITIATED HIS WAR, BROADCASTING HATE ACROSS THE PLANET. DETERMINED TO STOP HIM, A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO RED ONSLAUGHT ON THE ABANDONED ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD'S FIERCEST VILLAINS. OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME THEIR FOE: THEY CAST A MAGICAL SPELL IN THE HOPE OF SUBDING THE SKULL AND BRINGING XAVIER'S CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE FORE. BUT THE SPELL HAD UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES-- THE MORALITY OF EVERY HERO AND VILLAIN PRESENT WAS ALSO INVERTED.



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SIR, THE
CEO OF THE
BANK IS *INSIDE*
ON A DROP-
IN VISIT--



"...I THINK
WE'RE GONNA
NEED A DIFFERENT
KIND OF GUN."

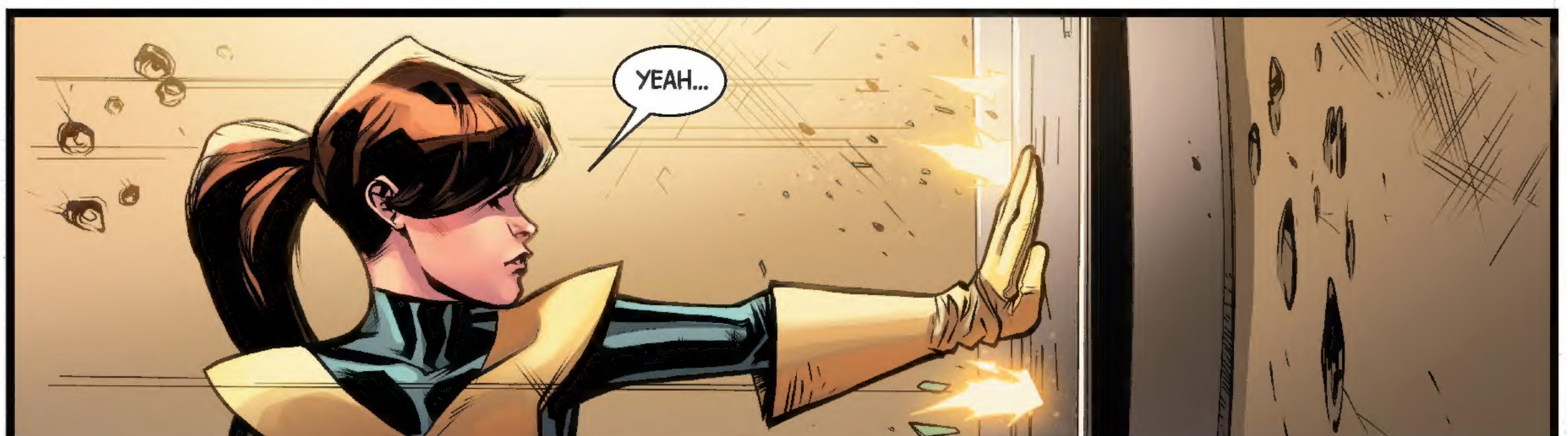
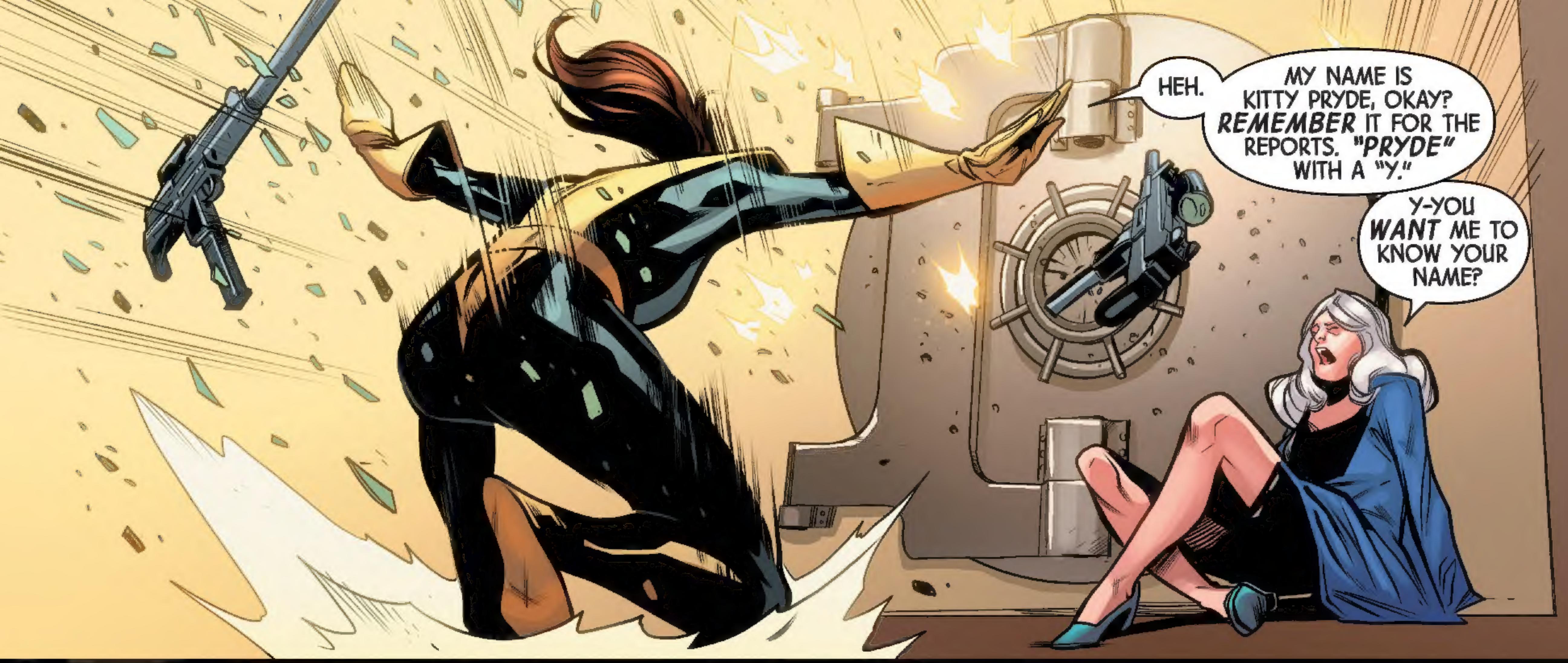
HAHAHAHA!

NICE
SHOT!

BLAM
BLAM

BLAM
BLAM





BRAKKA
BRAKK
BRAKKA
BRAKKA

I'LL
JUST PUT
THIS HERE, IF
YOU DON'T
MIND...

...AND
LET IT
GO.

AND THEN
I'LL PUSH THIS
WALL...

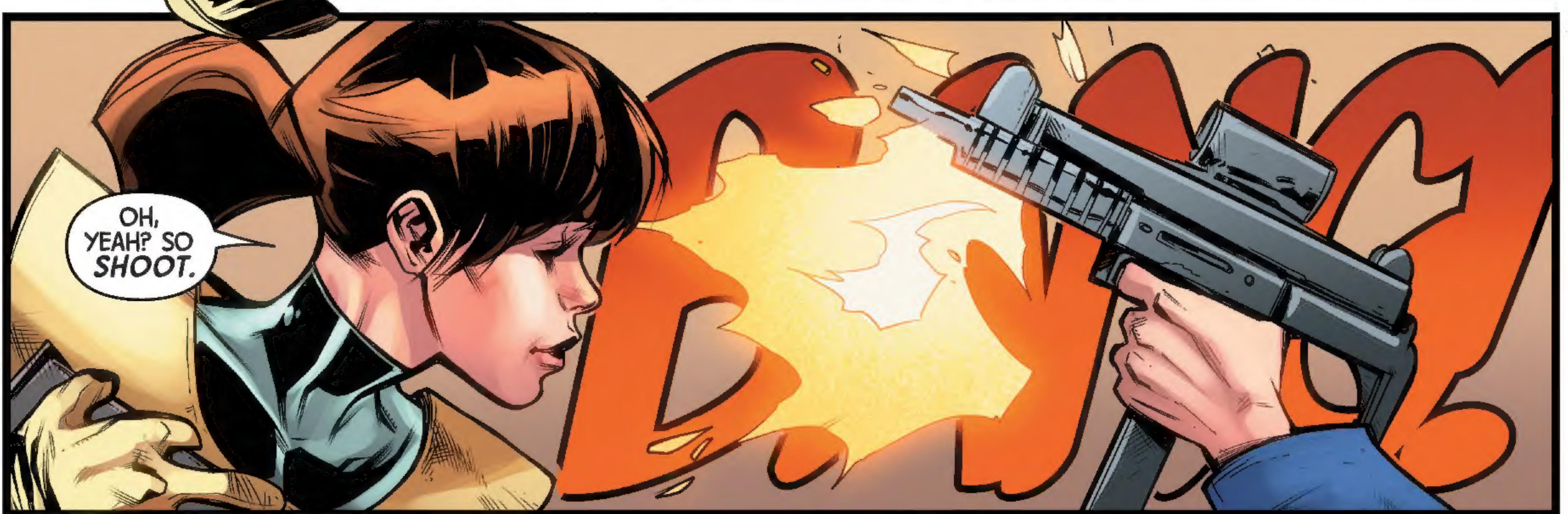


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THERE.

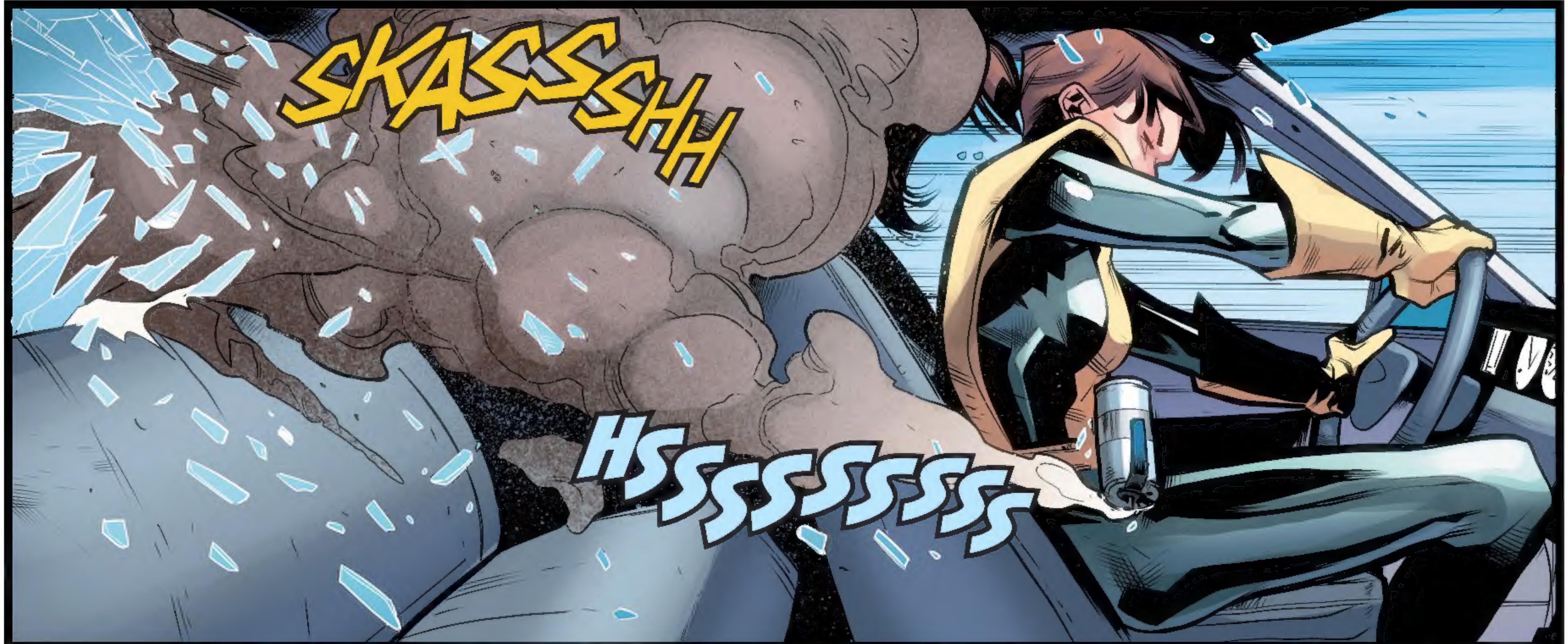
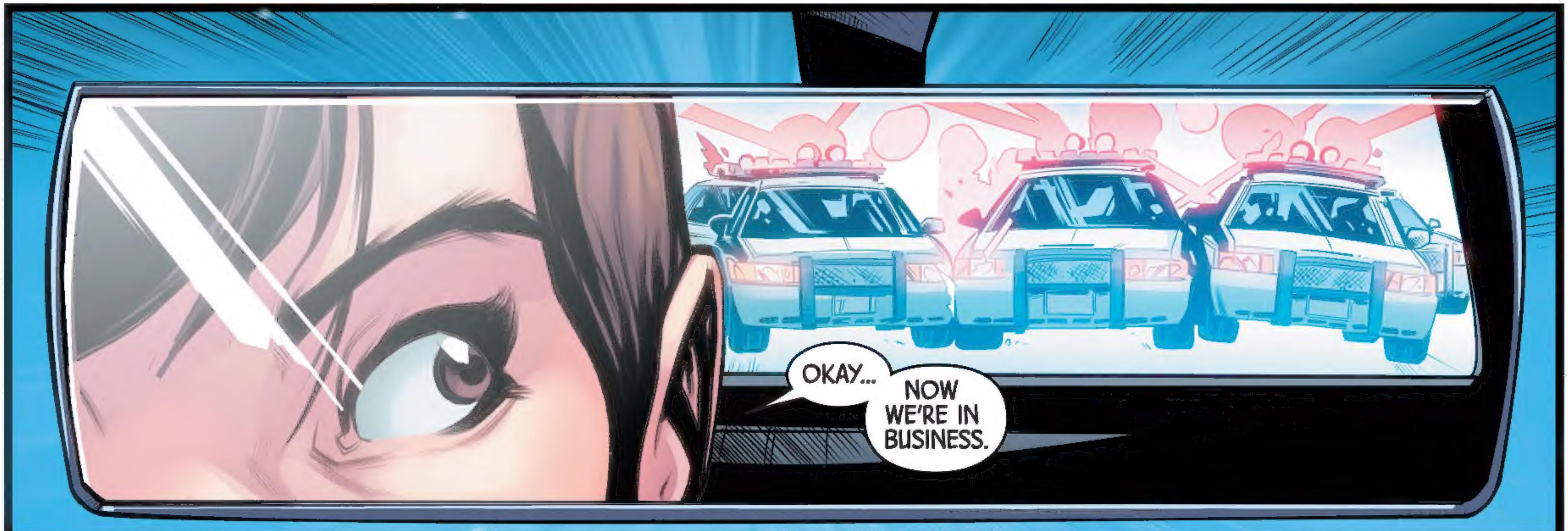


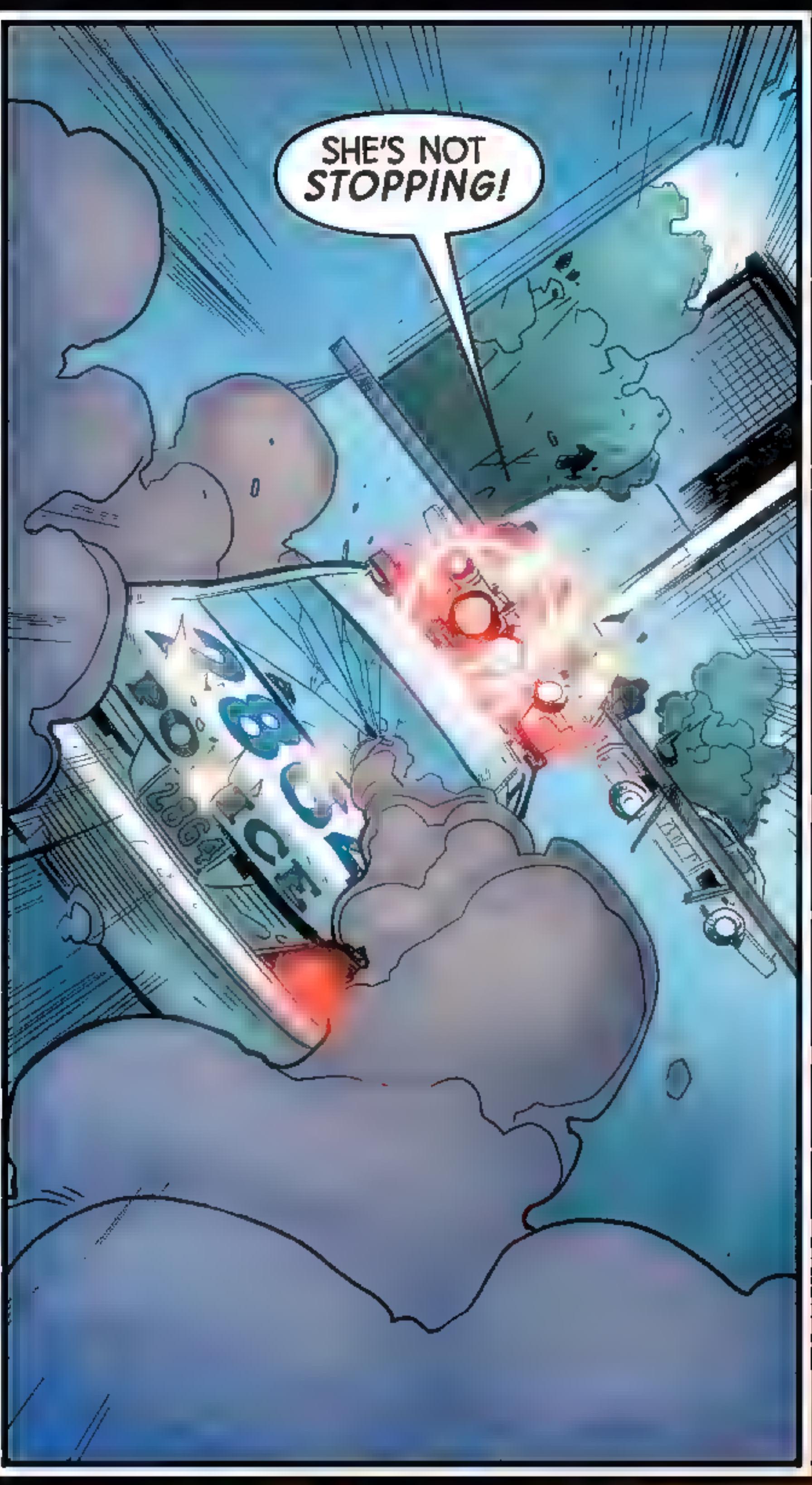
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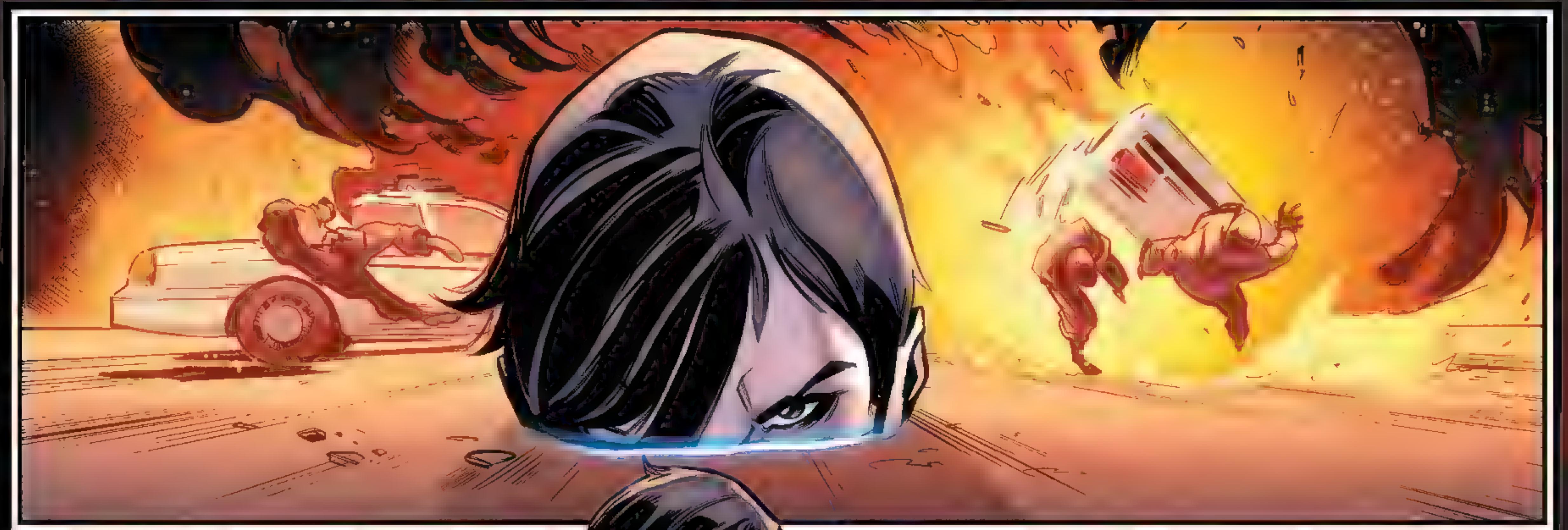
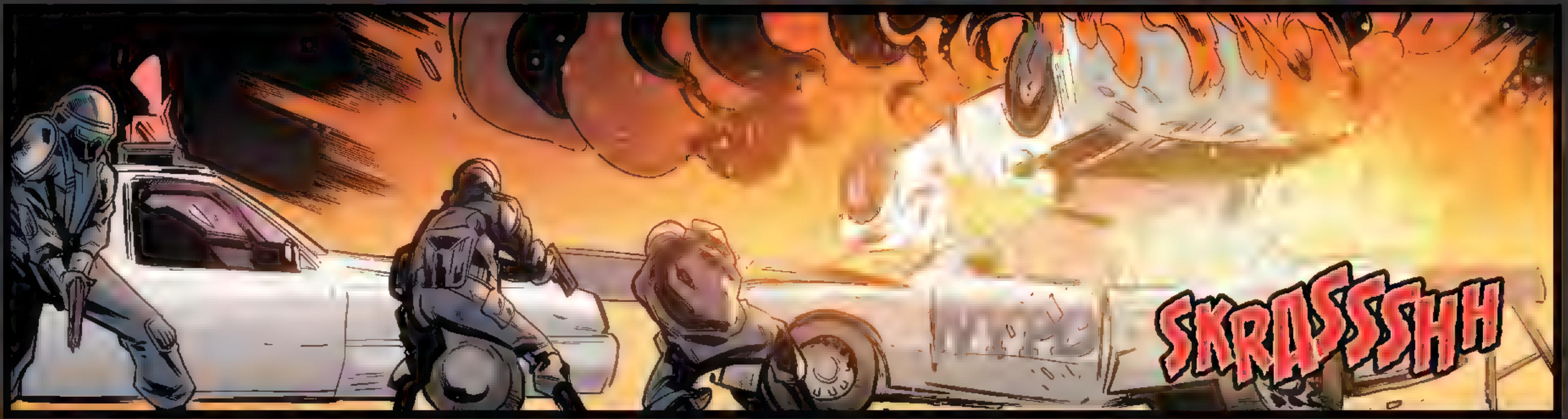












NOW.

ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED, I
AIN'T REALLY
A BAD GUY.

SURE, I'VE BEEN
KNOWN TO GET
CAUGHT UP IN SOME
STICKY SITUATIONS
OVER THE YEARS...

GO GO
GO!

...AND THE
MORE-THAN-
OCCASIONAL
TUSSLE WITH
THAT SPIDER
DWEEB...

WE'RE
HERE!
RYKER'S
ISLAND!

I'LL BE
BACK AT THE
PRISON ROOFTOP IN
THIRTY! NOW HURRY
UP AND GET OUT,
YA LUMMOX!

...BUT I'VE
ALWAYS
HAD MY
REASONS.

YOU KNOW ME.
FLINT MARKO.
I'M A MAN OF
MY WORD.

BUT AS THEY SAY,
SOMETIMES YOU
JUST GOTTA BREAK
A FEW EGGS TO
MAKE BREAKFAST...

THEN.

...AND IT'S A LONG TIME SINCE I BEEN TO THE GROCERY. IT'S EASY TO GET DISTRACTED.

SEEMS LIKE YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES...

...AND EVERYTHING CHANGES.

...WHEN ABSORBING MAN APPEARED, STOPPING THE ROBBERS DEAD IN THEIR TRACKS.

AS A TERRIBLE WAVE OF VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO WASH OVER MANHATTAN, WE MUST ASK... WHO'S NEXT? WHO WILL RISE UP AS HERO IN OUR TIME OF NEED?

SOME OF THE BOYS ARE DOING THE HERO THING, HUH? Y'KNOW, MAYBE I COULD MAKE THIS WORK FOR ME, TOO. GIVES ME AN IDEA...

THE HELL...? CREEEL?

NORMALLY A REVILED VILLAIN, ABSORBING MAN ACTED AS A HERO... A GROWING TREND AMONGST SOME OF THE CITY'S NOTORIOUS COSTUMED CRIMINALS.

BENNY S'FLINT.
I'M BACK IN THE GAME.

FINDING YOUR WAY BACK INTO CRIME AIN'T NEVER TOO HARD.

HERE WE GO! TIME TO BREAK INTO THE SLAMMER FOR A CHANGE!

IN THIS BIZ, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER JOB... ANOTHER SCORE.

NOW.

ONE OF MY OLD CREWS...BUNCHA NO-GOOD CROOKS WHO WOULD MURDER THEIR OWN GRANNIES FOR A NICKEL.

WAS EASY ENOUGH TO GET 'EM BACK TOGETHER.

BUT THIS TIME?

I GOT MY OWN PLAN.

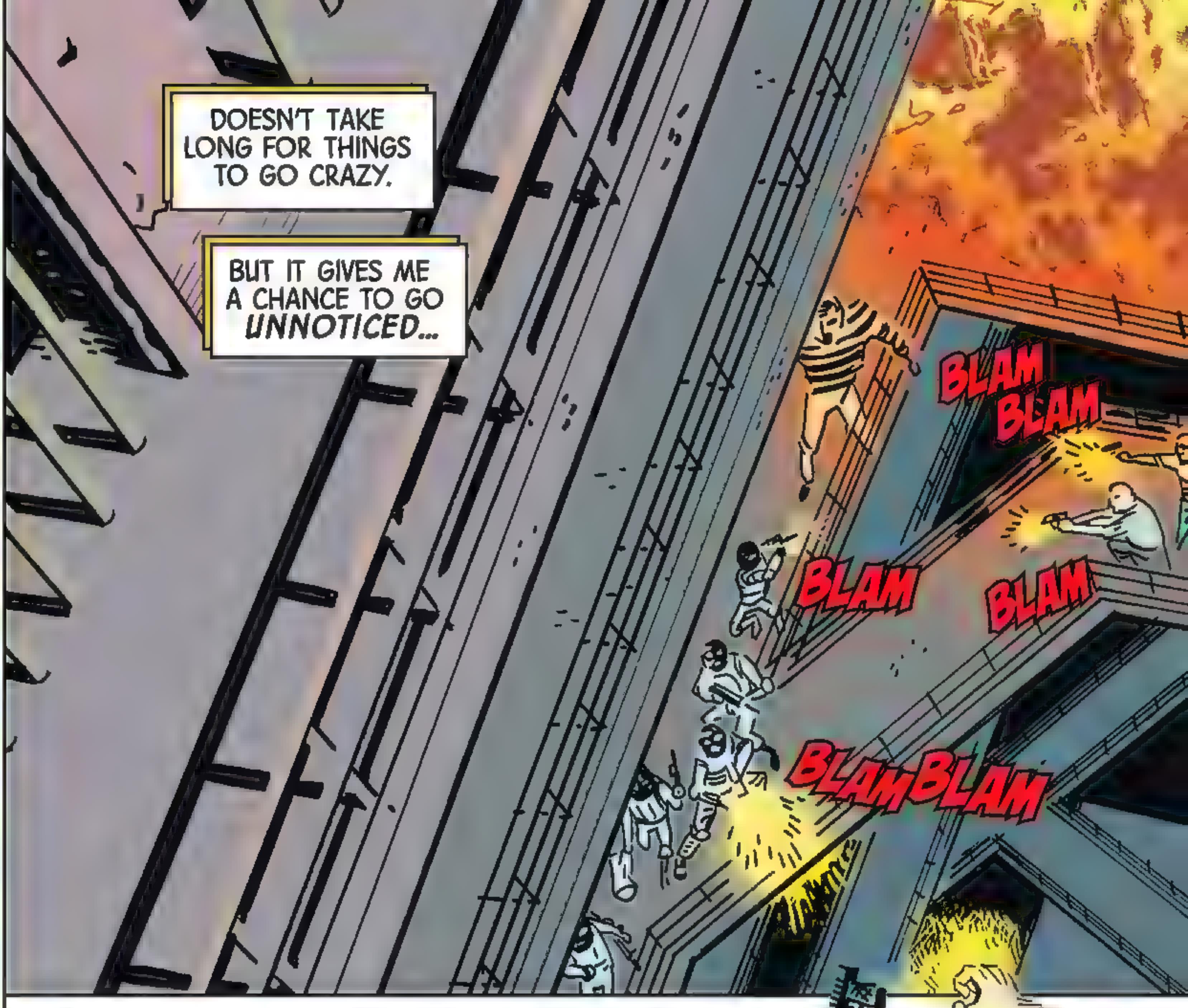
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I'M GONNA TRY SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

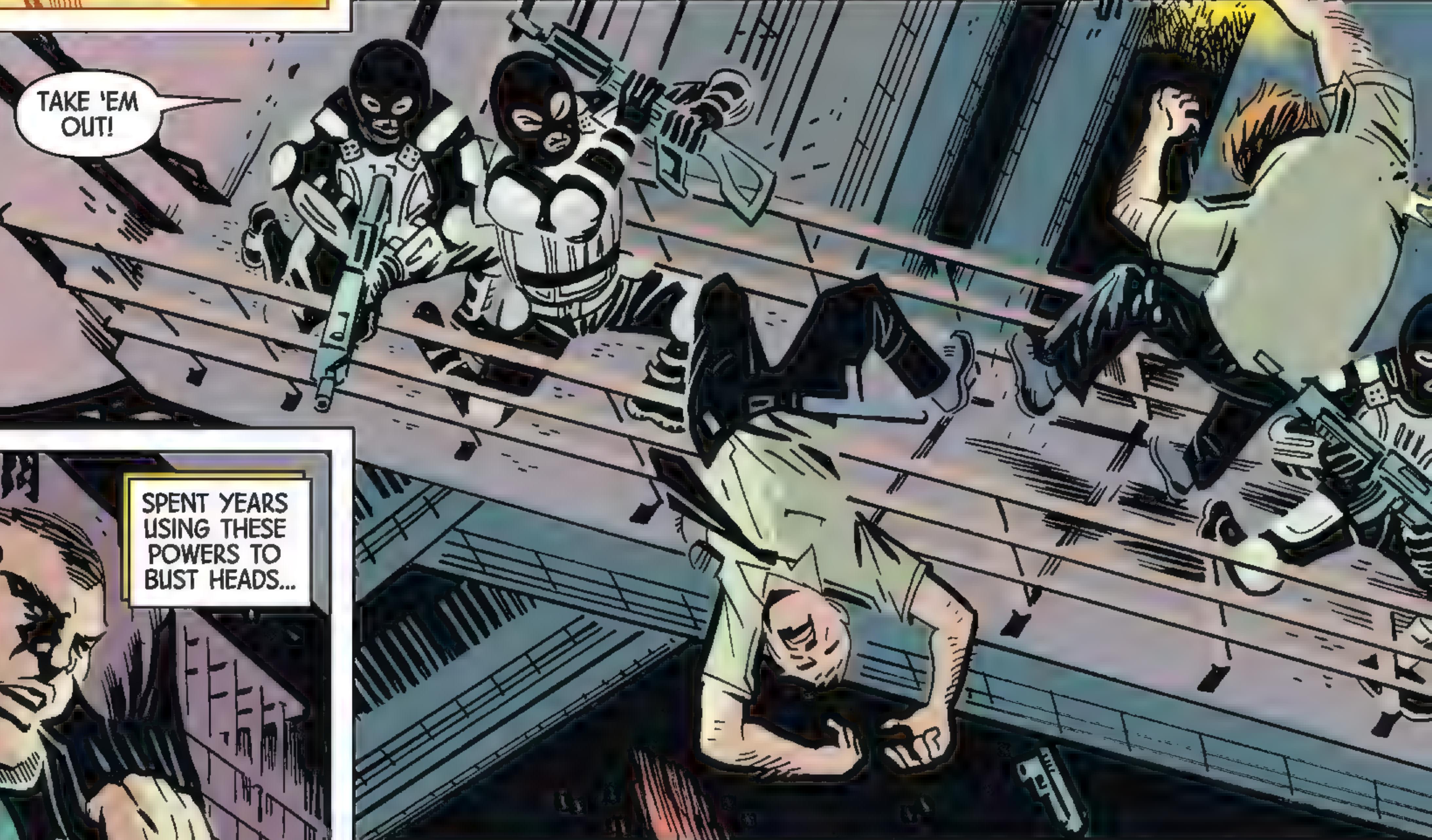


DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR THINGS TO GO CRAZY.

BUT IT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO GO UNNOTICED...



TAKE 'EM OUT!



SPENT YEARS USING THESE POWERS TO BUST HEADS...



...BUT IT ONLY TAKES A LITTLE CREATIVE THINKIN' TO PUT 'EM TO BETTER USE.

OOF!

PUT
DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS...!

THIS OL' CREW OF MINE,
THEY WERE HELD TOGETHER
BY BOSS DIXON...A TOUGH-
AS-NAILS MOB ENFORCER
WHO IS AS CRUEL AND
CALCULATIN' AS THEY COME.

DIXON WENT AND GOT HIMSELF
NABBED...LOCKED UP HERE WITH
ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CREW.

THE BOYS I ROLLED
WITH WERE ALWAYS
PRETTY MUCH THE
SCUM A' THE EARTH...
BUT I DIDN'T MIND.
I NEEDED THE
MONEY...THE WORK...

BLAM
BLAM

HA-HA, YOU
FORGOT TO
SAY PLEASE,
PIGGY!

BUT I'M
NOT GONNA
LET 'EM GET
AWAY WITH IT
TODAY.

UHNF!

KAKAKAKA

BAKA

SORRY,
BOYS...BUT
LEAVE THIS
ONE TO
ME.

THAT'S THE
BEST THEY CAN
DO? WHATTA BUNCH
OF PUSHOVERS! LET'S
GO NAB DIXON AND
GET OUTTA
HERE!



SEE, THING
ABOUT DIXON IS
HE'S NO DUMMY.
HE WOULD NEVER
LET HIMSELF GET
LOCKED UP UNLESS
HE HAD A DAMN
GOOD REASON.

BOYS, I
AM GLAD TO
SEE YOU! NOW
HURRY UP AND
GIMME THE
GOODS!

AND THAT
REASON IS
RICO RAMONE.
HIS CELLMATE.





AN' LIKE I SAID...FLINT MARKO
IS A MAN OF HIS WORD.

THE SANDMAN
DON'T LET
HIS FRIENDS
TAKE A FALL.

HOW
ABOUT
YOU PICK
ON SOMEONE
YER OWN
SIZE?

WHA...?!
MARKO?!

OUTTA THE
WAY, YA MORON!
I'M NOT GONNA
LET YOU RUIN
THIS FOR ME!

DAMMIT,
HIS SAND'S
JAMMED UP
OUR GEAR!

HOLD
IT RIGHT
THERE!

HE...
HE SET
US UP!

I GUESS
I'M GONNA DO
YOU FIRST, THEN
YOUR CHATTY
LITTLE FRIEND!

NO ONE
DOUBLE-CROSSES
BOSS DIXON!

NOW WHERE WAS I, YA YELLOW PIECE A--



SMASH KABOOM

FLINT! YOU CAME FOR ME! AFTER ALL THIS TIME...

YOU WERE NEVER CUT OUT FOR THIS, RICO. I COULDN'T LET THEM DO YA, 'SPECIALLY AFTER YOU TOOK A DIVE FOR ME.

SMASH

NOW LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

WHEN I SAW THOSE BAD GUYS GONE GOOD ON TV, PART OF ME THOUGHT THEY WERE CRAZY. BUT I GOTTA ADMIT, DOING THE RIGHT THING LIKE THIS...

...IT FEELS PRETTY DAMN GOOD.

